

The Improvement of Accessibility for A/V Content at The University of Texas Libraries

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Introduction

The online repository Texas ScholarWorks currently contains thousands of A/V items that are inaccessible, as they have yet to be transcribed. This project addresses this issue by sending the backlog of items to a third-party, acquiring appropriate software and developing a workflow plan for processing future items.

Environmental Scan

- Policies regarding transcribing vary amongst peer universities
- Trade-offs between automated and DIY software
- Consensus that A/V items should be accessible to all

Proposal to UT Libraries Captioning Services

UT Libraries Captioning Services were selected to handle backlog. Reasons include:

- Discount pricing on large volumes
- Close proximity to home department

Proposal to be submitted to University Libraries in January 2018.

Software Option 1: Inqscribe

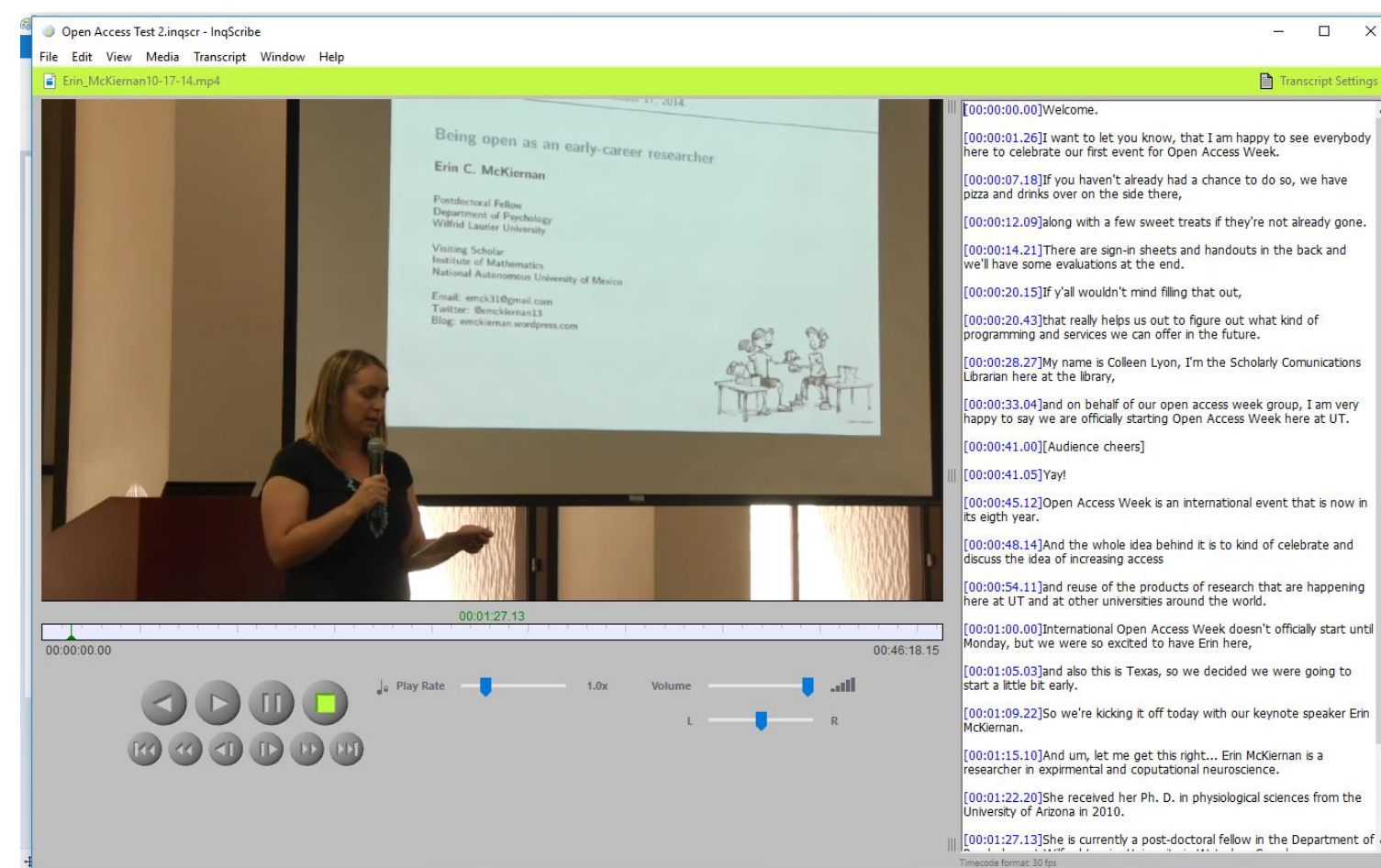
PROS

- One-time license fee
- Create subtitles using transcripts

CONS

- Issues on Windows computers
- Additional outside software required
- DIY software

VERDICT: Denied



Workflow for Future Items

Workflow developed from examining similar plans created by peer universities across the country. Designed through combination of policies specific to our university, and adopting similar policies from peer universities.

Conclusion

- Proposal to send backlog to UT Libraries Captioning Services
- Adoption of DocSoft software
- New policies for future items

Software Option 2: DocSoft

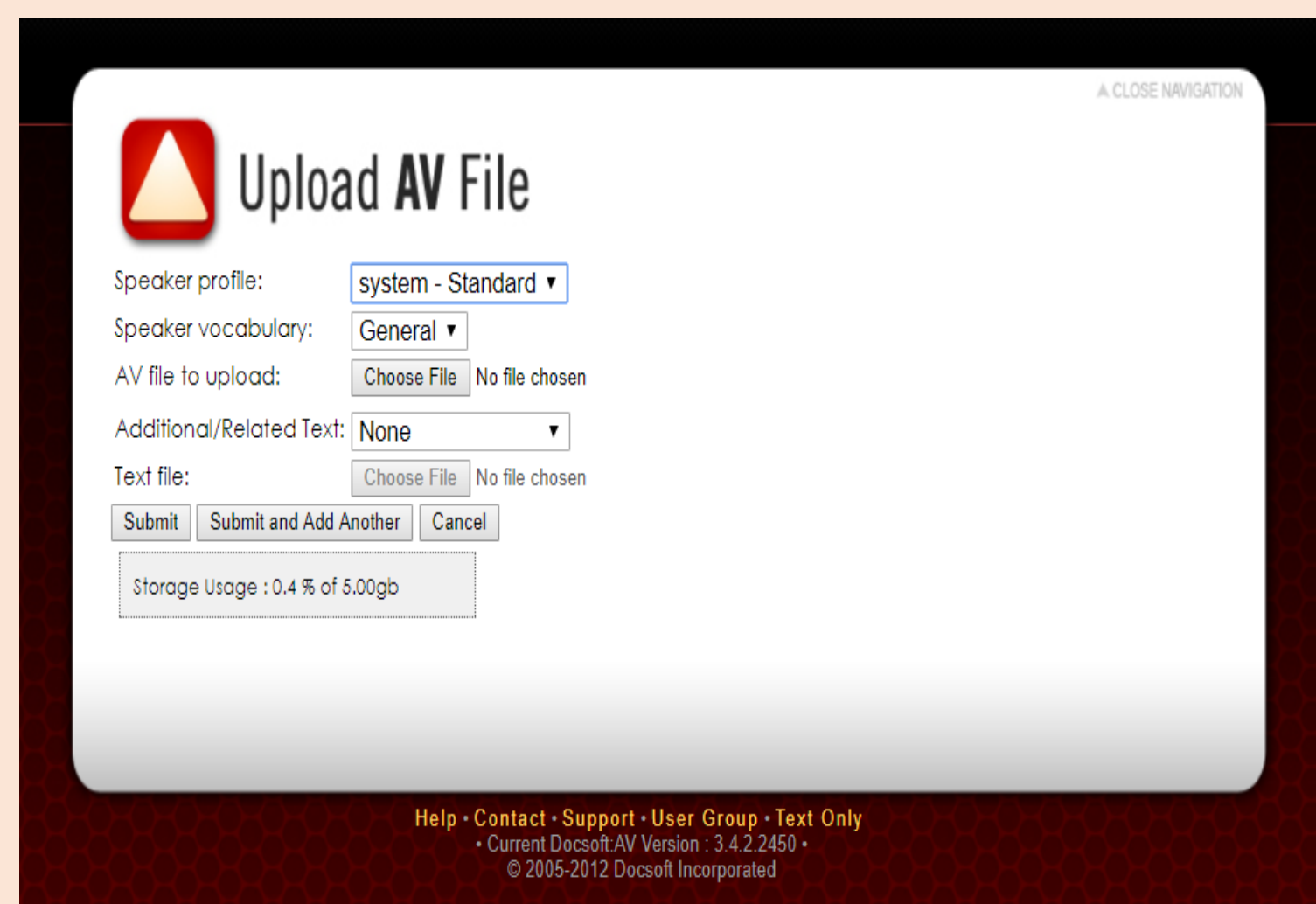
PROS

- Automated software; online interface
- License owned by university
- Used by UT Captioning Services

CONS

- Slow interface during times of high traffic
- Prone to spelling and grammatical errors

VERDICT: Approved



Texas ScholarWorks New A/V Content Workflow

